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1.0 Introduction and Review Panel Charge

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SWFSC Data Used in Coastal Pelagic and Highly Migratory Species Assessments

The objective of these reviews is to evaluate the Center's current scientific fishery-dependent and fishery-independent data as it relates to fishery stock assessment pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens Act:

- NOAA Ship-based surveys
- Cooperative research surveys
- Logbook and observer data
- Data management and quality control

Part of a national approach by NOAA Fisheries (including the Strategic Science Plan and Implementation Plan)

Panel

Donna Schroeder, Chair (BOEM)

Rick Deriso (IATTC)

Larry Jacobsen (NEFSC)

Sam Pooley (PIFSC)

Chris Sabine (PMEL)

Agenda

Monday: Data used in CPS stock assessments

Tuesday: Data used in CPS/HMS stock assessments

Wednesday: Data used in HMS stocks assessments

Thursday: Drafting of report

Structure

Strengths

Challenges

Strategies



Overarching Questions

- Relationship of current and planned fishery assessment data activities to Center fishery assessments mandates and requirements – is the Center doing the right things?
- Opportunities – are there opportunities that the Center should be pursuing in collecting and compiling fishery assessment data, including shared approaches with partners?
- Scientific/technical approach – are the Center's fishery data objectives adequate, and is the Center using the best suite of techniques and approaches to meet those objectives?
- Organization and priorities – is the Center's fishery data system properly organized to meet its mandates and is the allocation of resources among program appropriate?
- Scientific conduct – are the Center's fishery data programs being conducted properly (survey design, integrity, peer review, transparency, confidentiality, PII, etc.)?

Results of Review

Thursday: Drafting of report

- Panel drafts individual reports and Chair drafts a summary report (closed session)
- Oral report by Chair is provided to SWFSC Directorate (closed session). Final reports to be provided later.

Friday, Aug 1, 2013

- Cisco provides oral report to SWFC staff on review recommendations. Final written reports to be provided later.

Results of Review

September-October, 46 days (or less) after receipt of reports from Panel Chair

- SWFSC submits final rollout plan, Panel reports, and SWFSC response and program actions (if applicable) to headquarters for internal review and clearance. One month clearance process before making the Panel reports available to the public. Note: depending on results of workshop, SWFSC response and program actions may or may not be necessary.
- Following internal clearance - 60 days (or less) after receipt of reports from Panel Chair SWFSC posts Panel reports and links to S&T website.
- Legislative Affairs makes targeted calls and/or emails to relevant Congressional staff.
- SWFSC issues press release or statement from the Director about the results and agency response (if applicable).
- Email notification from Director to stakeholders about the results and agency response.
- Science Center Director presents results of peer review and agency response at relevant Council meetings.

Results of Review

Targeted for completion by December 31, 2013

- S&T completes National synthesis of all Center and S&T Reviews and agency response and program actions (if applicable).
- S&T submits a 3-things memo, final rollout plan and associated materials (press release Q/As on controversial issues, etc.), National synthesis, and agency response and program actions (if applicable) to Assistant Administrator for internal review and clearance. Two week clearance process.

Following internal clearance

- National synthesis and agency response and program actions (if applicable) posted to main NOAA Fisheries website. Links to S&T website and Center sites.
- Legislative Affairs makes targeted calls and/or emails to relevant Congressional staff
- NOAA Fisheries issues press release or statement from the Chief Science Advisor about the results and agency response (if applicable).
- Email notification and phone calls from Chief Science Advisor to stakeholders about the results and agency response (if applicable).

Within one year

- Chief Scientist reports to AA on completed actions from the National synthesis report, agency response and program actions.